आयातित कपास का वितरण

2058. **श्री रामसिंह राठवा :** क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार आयातित कपास को बुनकर-समूहों के माध्यम से वितरित करने पर विचार कर रही है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

वस्त्र मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जी० वेंकट स्वामी) : (क) से (ग) पिछले कुछ वर्षों के दौरान सरकार ने कपास का आयात नहीं किया है। इसलिए बुनकर समूहों के जरिये आयातित कपास के वितरण का प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Improvement in the Quality of Silk Products

2059. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether India participated in the major fair on Textiles and Fabrics held recently in Frankfurt;

(b) if so, what are the results thereof;

(c) what has been the role of Indian Export Promotion Council in increasing exports of silk items from India; and

(d) what steps have been taken to improve the quality and range of silk products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b) The Indian Silk Export Promotion Council had directly participated in the Interstoff Trade Fair held at Frankfurt during April, 1993. The generic promotion stall of the Council distributed publicity materials brought out by the Council and used the occasion to promote Council's Trade Fair 'Resham India" scheduled to be held during October, 1993. Besides, the participation has brought in many orders.

(c) The main activities being undertaken by the Council to promote export of silk items include the organisation of participation of Indian silk exporters in International Trade Fairs, sponsoring of Sales-cum-Study Tours, organisation of "Resham India', publicity of Indian silk products and dissemination of overseas trade enquiries/information on latest fashion trends etc. among the member exporters.

(d) In order to improve the quality of Indian silk yarn, a World Bank/Swiss assisted National Sericulture Project is being implemented in 17 States of the country. For improving the range of silk products, the Council, thiough its periodical publications, provides information to the exporters on overseas demand and the latest fashion trends.

2060. *[Transferred to 12th August,* 1993.]

Condition of Weavers of Banarsi Sarees

2061. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the lot of workers engaged in weaving of Banarsi Sarees is very pathetic;

(b) whether it is also a fact that child labour is also involved in the manufacturing of these sarees;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government propose to uplift the well being of these workers; and

(d) if so, details of the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) There is no report about decline in the living conditions of handloom weavers in Varanasi.